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SUBJ: INFO FROM LEWIS DUGUD ON GOC ATTITUDE TOWARD ITT AND
BILATERAL TALKS

1. WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT DUGUD TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE MAR 30 THAT HE UNDERSTANDS ALLENDE NOW BELIEVES-- CONTRARY TO HIS FORMER VIEW-- THAT USG WAS INVOLVED IN ITT AFFAIR. STORY FROM ALLENDE ENTOURAGE IS THAT ALLEGATIONS IN CHURCH HEARINGS RE PURPORTED \$400,000 FUND CONVINCED PRESIDENT ON THIS POINT. THESE SOURCES FURTHER ASSERT ALLENDE NOW BELIEVES FREI GOVT WAS ALSO INVOLVED AND THAT HE HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITHIN MONEDA TO UNCOVER EVIDENCE ON BOTH COUNTS. DUGUD REMARKED THAT IT WAS, OF COURSE, DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE IF ALL THIS REPRESENTS WHAT ALLENDE REALLY BELIEVES OR WHAT THOSE AROUND HIM ARE TRYING TO GET HIM TO BELIEVE.

2. RE RECENT WASHINGTON BILATERAL TALKS, DUGUD SAID HE INFORMED THAT ALMEYDA WILL ATTACK USG IN FORTHCOMING OASGA FOR " REJECTING" RECOURSE TO 1914 TREATY.

3. DUGUD DISCUSSED TALKS WITH LETELIER WHO HE SAID IS IN " BLACK" MOOD OVER OUTCOME. LETELIER PROVIDED WHAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FAIRLY FULL AND FRANK ACCOUNT. HE SAID USG HAD REJECTED 1914 TREATY; THAT IN HIS OPINION TALKS ARE NOW FINISHED WITH NO PRESENT PROSPECT FOR NEW SESSIONS. IT WAS LETELIER'S OPINION THAT THERE HAD BEEN A RETROCESSION IN THE US POSITION, WHICH HE FELT NOW CONSISTS OF AN INSISTENCE THAT THE GOC SEEK A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT COPPER COMPENSATION. IN REPLY I TOLD DUGUD WE HAD NOT RPT NOT REJECTED THE 1914
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TREATY MECHANISM, OUR POSITION HAD NOT RETROCESSED, AND WE
REMAIN INTERESTED IN SEEKING A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION. HOWEVER
I TOLD HIM I COULD NOT GO DEEPLY INTO THE SUBJECT BECAUSE OF THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE TALKS. DUIGUD MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF
HIS DESIRE THAT LETELIER BE FULLY PROTECTED AS SOURCE AND MOST
PARTICULARLY THAT LETELIER NOT DISCOVER THAT WE KNOW HE PRO-
VIDED THIS INFO - AS DUIGUD WILL NOT USE HIS NAME IN HIS STORY.
I WILL
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S COOPERATION ON THAT SCORE.
DAVIS

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